Kyoto Protocol

1901. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kyoto Protocol has come into effect from February this year;

(b) if so, the obligations on our country in terms of this Protocol; and

(c) the steps taken to honour the obligation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Kyoto Protocol, only the developed countries that are parties to Kyoto Protocol have quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments. Developing countries including India have no such obligation.

(c) Does not arise.

Death of tigers in national parks

†1902. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks in the country where tigers have died last year;

(b) the causes of their deaths;

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for death of these tigers; and

(d) the safety measures taken by Government to avoid premature deaths of such species of tigers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The details of death of tigers in the Tiger Reserves during 2004 with the reasons for death are in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No such report has been received by Government of India.

(d) The State Governments have been advised to ensure protection for tiger conservation as per the guidelines of Project Tiger. Further, the following

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

measures have been taken at the Government of India level to protect wild animals in the country—

i. Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

ii. Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection to wild animals.

iii. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders.

iv. The Ministy of Home Affairs has addressed all State Governments to lend a helping hand to the field formations to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

v. A National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016) has been launched with several action points and priority projects for conservation and protection of wildlife in the country.

Statement

Details of death of tigers in the tiger reserves

Sl. No.	Place	Date	Number	Remarks
1.	Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttaranchal	7.1.2004	1 tiger	Infighting
2.	Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttaranchal	9.1.2004	1 tiger	Infighting
3.	Bandavhgarh Tiger Reserve (Umaria), M.P.	20.1.2004	1 tiger	Poaching
4.	Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttaranchal	26.1 2004	1 tigers	Infighting
5.	Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttaranchal	11.2.2004	1 tiger	Natural
6.	Kanha Tiger Reserve, M.P.	29.2.2004	1 tiger	Infighting
7.	Pench Tiger Reserve, Sivni, M.P.	9.3.2004	1 tiger	Infighting
8.	Pench Tiger Reserve, Sivni, M.P.	19.12.2004	1 tiger	Infighting

"'Death" and "Natural Deaths" have been clubbed together.

Poaching	:	1
Natural (Old age)	:	1
*Other Poisoning		
Infighting	:	1
Other		
Total	=	8

Tigers and wild Cats in different national parks

1903. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of tigers and other wild cats in different national parks and sanctuaries in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Assam and other States;

(b) how far the population of each species of tigers and wild cats has come down from census to census as per last three counts and the latest population figures in respect thereof; and

(c) the main reasons therefor and the steps being taken to preserve and promote these species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The population of tigers and other wild cats in different national parks and sanctuaries is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) There is no indication of decline in population of these wild animals.

(c) Following steps have been initiated to preserve and promote these species:—

i. Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.